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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Trista P. Chen, et al. Examiner: Fred Ehichioya  
Serial No.: 10/005,193 Group Art Unit: 2172  
Filed: December 4, 2001 Docket No.: 200302024-1  
Title: System and Method for Efficiently Finding Near-Similar Images in  
Massive Databases

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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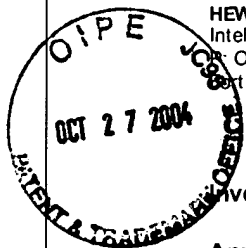
In response to the Office Action mailed on July 21, 2004, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 10.

**AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT**

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Hewlett-Packard Development Company's deposit account no. 08-2025.



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PATENT APPLICATION

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Inventor(s): Trista CHEN et al

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Transmitted herewith is/are the following in the above-identified application:

- (X) Response/Amendment ( ) Petition to extend time to respond  
( ) New fee as calculated below ( ) Supplemental Declaration  
(X) No additional fee  
( ) Other: (fee \$ )

CLAIMS AS AMENDED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY						
(1) FOR	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEES
TOTAL CLAIMS	20	MINUS	35	= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS	2	MINUS	7	= 0	X \$88	\$ 0
[ ] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$300	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$110.00	2ND MONTH \$430.00	3RD MONTH \$980.00	4TH MONTH \$1530.00		\$ 0
OTHER FEES						\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 0

Charge \$ 0 to Deposit Account 08-2025. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 08-2025 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally please charge any fees to Deposit Account 08-2025 under 37 CFR 1.16 through 1.21 inclusive, and any other sections in Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations that may regulate fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Date of Deposit: 10-21-04

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Respectfully submitted,

Trista CHEN et al

By 

Philip S. Lyren

Attorney/Agent for Applicant(s)

Reg. No. 40,709

Date: 10/21/04